



**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Damascus, Syria**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS**

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Due to security considerations in Syria, Embassy Damascus **has suspended operations.**

All immigrant visa cases will be processed at the Embassy of the United States of America in Amman, Jordan.

**You will receive notification from the National Visa Center (NVC)** that your interview will occur at Embassy Amman and will be subject to the processing requirements of Embassy Amman which may be reviewed by clicking [HERE](#).



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Amman, Jordan**

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**CONCERNING THE REQUIRED USE OF ONLINE FORMS**

**Your Next Step:**

If you received one or more fee invoices from the National Visa Center (NVC) but have not paid the fee(s) you must pay the required processing service fee(s) to continue your application. Click [Fee Payments](#) for instructions.

If the Affidavit of Support (AOS) processing service fee has already been paid then the petitioner must submit form I-864. Click [submit I-864](#) for instructions.

If the applicants' immigrant visa application processing service fee have already been paid, then each applicant must submit an application for immigrant visa and alien registration. Starting October 4, 2010, all immigrant visa applicants, including Damascus cases being processed in Amman (case numbers which begin with the letters DMS), are **required** to use the new Online Immigrant Visa Application and Alien Registration, Form DS-260. Click [Online Forms](#) to continue and learn more.

## **Supplemental Information for Syrian Immigrant Visa Applicants**

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- **Military Records**: A “Certificate of Military Service” is issued upon discharge from the military. If this document is lost or unavailable, a new certificate can be obtained from the Mobilization Department responsible for the person’s area of residence at the time of the military service. This new certificate can be obtained in person or through an agent.

The Embassy in Damascus requires military records status for all Syrian males over the age of 18. These documents are available to all males. The military status record will indicate whether an applicant served his mandatory service in the Syrian military, is deferred from service in the Syrian military, or is exempted from service in the Syrian military.

- **Unobtainable Birth Certificates for other country nationals**: Since Embassy Damascus may process certain Iraqi visa applicants who may not have an original birth certificate, the Embassy requires them to contact the Iraqi Embassy in Damascus and certify a copy of their Iraqi ID, citizenship certificate, or obtain a letter of identification. Additionally they may be asked to present an individual civil record issued by the Ministry of Interior in Iraq.

- **Certification of documents**: Embassy Damascus requires all documents to be certified by the Syrian Ministries of the Interior and Foreign Affairs.